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For: PERPENDICULAR-MAGNETIC RECORDING
MEDIA AND MAGNETIC RECORDING
APPARATUS

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This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 10/340,597, filed January 13, 2003, entitled PERPENDICULAR-MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIA AND MAGNETIC RECORDING APPARATUS.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed.

2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW
PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Basic Fee							\$	750.00
Total Claims	8	-	20	=	0	x	18	= \$ 0.00
Independent Claims	2	-	3	=	0	x	84	= \$ 0.00
Total Filing Fee							\$	750.00

3. A credit card payment form including the amount of \$750.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.

4. Cancel claims 1-14 before calculating the Filing Fee.
A Preliminary Amendment is being filed herewith.

5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

6. Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line:

--This is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 10/340,597, filed January 13, 2003, which is a continuation application of Serial No. 09/811,471, filed on March 20, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,528,149--.

7. New drawings are enclosed, three (3) sheets, Figs. 1-4.

8. The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

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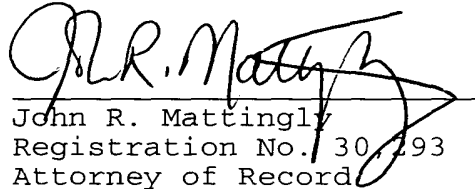
9. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd.

10. Priority of the following Japanese patent application(s) is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

2000-163150, filed May 29, 2000.

The certified priority document has been filed in parent Application Serial No. 09/811,471.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present continuation application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 10/340,597, as originally filed on January 13, 2003.


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